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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES NEW JOBS FOR GUILFORD COUNTY
One N.C. Fund Brings Comair Inc. to Greensboro and \$1.59 million investment for the area

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley announced today that Comair Inc. will establish a new aircraft maintenance facility at the Piedmont Triad International Airport in Guilford County, creating 53 new jobs and investing \$1.59 million in the area. This announcement was made possible in part by a \$106,000 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

“Comair’s decision to locate in North Carolina is a tremendous win for the company, the community and the state,” said Easley. “This announcement is further proof that our investments in education, infrastructure and workforce development are paying off.”

The One North Carolina Fund helps the state recruit and expand quality jobs by providing financial assistance to businesses or industries deemed by the governor to be vital to a healthy and growing state economy. Through use of this fund, more than 13,000 jobs and more than \$1.7 billion in investment have been created since 2001.

Comair is a wholly owned subsidiary of Delta Air Lines headquartered in Cincinnati. The new jobs will be aircraft maintenance professionals, including mechanics and support personnel and will pay an average annual salary of \$36,000 plus benefits. The facility will be located in a new hangar under construction at Piedmont Triad International Airport, contingent upon a finalized lease agreement. The facility is expected to be completed by the end of 2005.

“Comair is grateful for the chance to work with state and local officials to expand employment opportunities in Greensboro through the establishment of a new maintenance base at Piedmont Triad International Airport,” said Mike Stuart, senior vice president of Aircraft Operations. “Everyone we have worked with in Guilford County and the state of North Carolina has been extremely supportive of bringing more jobs into the region. This base will be an important part of our airline’s infrastructure and our commitment to offer customers safe and reliable service.”

With more than 6,000 employees, Comair operates an all-jet fleet of 164 Bombardier CRJ regional jets. The airline has 1,140 flights a day to 120 cities in the United States, Canada and the Bahamas. More than 12.6 million passengers flew on Comair in 2004.

Other contributors that made today’s announcement possible are the N.C. Department of Commerce, N.C. Community College System, Piedmont Triad Airport Authority, the city of Greensboro, Greensboro Economic Development Partnership and Guilford County.

For more information about Comair or possible job opportunities, visit the company’s website at www.comair.com.

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